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ABOUT TOWN

Not wanting to waste your time, *most* content that has already appeared via the DA Website e-mail Notifications will not be republished in *The Beachcomber*. You don't need to spend your limited time re-reading announcements and old news!

To that end, I strongly encourage you to sign up for the e-mail alerts at:

http://www.duneacres.org/e-mail_notifications.htm

(Your e-mail address is kept completely and strictly confidential.)

Remember that a limited number of hard copies are available in the Security Office.

Notices, information and news that have already been published on the DA website can be found at: <http://www.ymlp171.com/pubarchive.php?DuneAcres>

The unofficial report for the October 15 Town Council Meeting may be found on the DA Website at: <http://www.duneacres.org/minutes.htm>

The Ed.

Great Lakes Clean Up

We picked up numerous cigarette butts – along with Kotex, diapers, balloons, ribbons and other unsavory plastic items. It's amazing that while we found a lot of big stuff to remove – the real issue is the small stuff – and not necessarily plastic bottles or aluminum cans – people walking the beach tend to see that stuff and grab it – particularly good



residents of this town. The smaller stuff goes somewhat unnoticed but is really all over the place and is what gets birds and other wildlife into trouble.....

We used our town beach utility vehicle – and not only got garbage and recycle bags – but also pulled off some major broken sailboat structures, old buoys and lost dock floats – that are not easily removed.....

On a pound for pound basis we out did every other group along the lake.

This picture is one of our teams that included from left to right: Todd Klein, Jennifer Klawson, Lucas Klein, Cole Klein – and me, the group coordinator. I sense international

publicity based on this shot.....

The greatlakes.org group thanks us.

Beach Commissioner Rob Carstens

Regional Transportation Authority Referendum???

For DA full time residents the referendum voting for the proposed Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will be at the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 3. State legislation calls for a referendum on creating a RTA, which, if approved by voters, will have authority to levy a 0.25 percent income tax in Porter, Lake, LaPorte and St. Joseph counties. If you'd like to expand government and increase your tax bite, vote "yes." If you feel the government is large enough and that you already pay enough taxes, vote "no."

Beachcomber Sponsorship

This issue of *The Beachcomber* is being sponsored by Steven & Eileen Odum.

Thank you for your much appreciated support!

100% of the Odum's tax-deductible donation of \$100 goes to support the Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation by enhancing and advancing all aspects of life in this unique community.

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING



DIANA OF THE DUNES –

A "NO SHOW" AT DUNE ACRES FALL PARTY

Much to the disappointment of partygoers, Diana of the Dunes did not make an appearance at the Clubhouse on October 17th. Attendees held out until well after 9pm indulging in beverages and homemade, hearty and delicious hors d'oeuvres. The Clubhouse, decked with lighted limbs and festive tablecloths, honored Diana with hanging moons, wild ducks and birds as well as Dune Acres favorite, a fox.

As folks mingled, soft guitar music warmed the room. Sensational sunsets from Dune Acre photographers Kermit Myers and Heidi Sullivan lit up the northwest corner. The addition of six café tables made eating and drinking easier for the guests. Neighbors connected with neighbors – new and old, as the crowd speculated on Diana's whereabouts. It was finally determined that the weather was too chilly for her to appear and that the next pagan celebration honoring Diana should be held during the summer Dune Acres party.

Thanks to Marti & Tony Belluschi, Susan Grimm, Darlene & Mike Lapinski, Pat McGinn, John & Marge Saphir and Heidi & John Sullivan for their help with set up and clean up. Thanks to all the committee members who supplied the tasty food. Thanks also to Carol & Scott Arthur who let us enjoy their daughter's wedding decorations!

Last, but not least, a special "thank you" goes to Lynda & Howard Silverman who did everything and anything. We couldn't have had better Co-Chairmen!

Carolyn & Lou Mellen

ENVIRONMENTALLY SPEAKING



OCTOBER 24, 2009 will be the Environmental Town Cleanup. Meet at Town Hall at 9:00 A.M. Bring your gloves and clippers to help tackle the many bittersweet vines that are so happily growing along our roadsides. This invasive vine chokes out native plant life. Please clip and drip the bittersweet on your property also. Bag it in plastic bags and close to prevent seeds from spreading. THANK YOU. There will be a dumpster at town hall for your yard waste.

Cathy Bomberger

NOVEMBER 1, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at the Clubhouse. Everyone come for a very interesting talk given by Dr. Noel B. Pavlovic of the US Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division. Some of you had the pleasure of meeting Noel when he led a walk through Howes Prairie. He will discuss the flora of the dunes in general, and the impacts of drought on the federally threatened Pitcher's thistle. Also, he will discuss extreme Lake Michigan water levels and dune formation as well as extreme rainfall events and surface water impacts on prairie vegetation. Our neighbors from Ogden Dunes will join us for this presentation. Come and help host this special event.

Cathy Bomberger

RESIDENT NEWS

J.D. Kiss
1935 - 2009



Former Dune Acres resident Joseph David Kiss died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009. He was 74. He was a resident of Dune Acres for more than 30 years.

He is survived by wife Molly; children Michael (wife Tovi), Sandra Brooker, Stephen (Kathy), Brad Wilson (Margaret), and Bonnie Wilson; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, and sister Carolyn Heil.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Ohio Valley Affiliate, P. O. Box 634445, Cincinnati, Ohio 45263-4445.

Arrangements were handled by the Malloy Memorial & Crematory in

Cleveland, Ohio.

Chesterton Tribune, 10/1/2009. Photo: www.cleveland.com/obits

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need Help? Are you looking for a service provider that has been recommended by others? Have you had a favorable experience with a service provider that you can recommend to others? Check out DA Providers on the web at www.daproviders.info for a list of providers that have been favorably recommended.

Howard Silverman

If you have changes for the DA Directory/phone book, please send them to me at maryanncrayton@earthlink.net or call me at 787-8104. Thanks.

Mary Ann Crayton

Want to liven up your life? How about editing an issue or more of The Beachcomber? Variety is the spice of life! And now that it's on line, it's really a no-brainer to do! Don't be shy! The pay isn't great but it is rewarding.

The Ed.

Repelling Mice "Naturally" Maybe



It's getting to be that time of the year when mice are looking to move south, or maybe north ... into your house for the winter.

Always a believer that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, I thought I'd try to keep the mice from moving in this year, as opposed to trying to get them out (or dead) after the fact.

So I ordered a bottle Mouse Away and a bottle of pure concentrated peppermint oil (*mentha piperita*). The idea is to drip a few drops of these liquid products on cotton balls and place them where you don't want mice to be. The pungent scents are supposed to repel mice. In theory, at least. The purveyor of Mouse Away claims their concoction is "just the right mixture" of peppermint and spearmint oils to keep mice at bay. We'll see.

So I'm setting up scent-laced cotton ball lines of defense by all doors, including the garage door. Even if the scent theory doesn't work so well, things sure smell good. My contingent plan is about a dozen snap traps, baited with Wisconsin's finest cheddar, strategically placed in corners and along walls. Finally, my contingent contingent plan is to relocate a cat -- with fully functioning claws -- to the garage for the winter. Might even teach the little bastard some humility.

And yes, the irony that I'm spending so much time, effort and money to defeat an animal with a brain the size of a BB isn't lost on me...

The Ed.

It was a windy October night, my friends...



Returning home late from a business meeting, I had just crested the first rise on Mineral Spring Road past the Security Office when I saw a tree was blocking the road.

I flipped on my safety flashers and got out to assess the blockage only to see there was more of the tree than I had hoped. But within a minute, another car pulled up next to mine. Great! Now that there were three of us -- even if one was in high heels and an evening dress -- we could move the tree enough to allow a car to pass.

But, no. The tree was too large and probably still partially attached at the base of its trunk. It was going nowhere.

Cars were now started to pile up on both sides of the blockage.

I disappeared behind my car, opened the hatch and produced a camp tree saw. Doesn't everyone carry at least one tree saw in their car?!

Success! Fifteen minutes of vigorously sawing through strategic sections of about a half dozen limbs yielded enough pavement to allow a car to pass. Having the right tool for the job is huge. Life was good once again.

About the saw. Being that we live in a heavily wooded town and that I'm often one of the first folks out of town in the morning, it's not unheard of to find a large branch blocking the roadway ... or even the driveway. I started to carry a saw so that I could clear the road if I needed to. It gets used more than you might think.

If carrying a saw sounds like something you want to do -- just in case -- a few different models are available at Bass Pro in the camping section.





The older model I carry is about 14" long folded up. While it's surely no longer available, there are other models, probably better.

The little saw will handily cut a limb up to 3" or so in diameter. And I suppose you could also use it to quickly sever an arm or a leg ... if you ever had to.

The Ed.

By the way, the photo of the downed tree is for illustration purposes only...

LOCAL COLOR

Question: Has anyone ever figured out exactly why Curiosity Killed the Cat?

Apparently, I had either too much curiosity or free time or both, but I recently made it my goal to figure out what the new Morse code message painted on the house at the southeast corner of Route 12 and Mineral Springs Road said.



That was then...



...this is now.

You might remember that in the Fall 2008 issue of the Beachcomber, Alma and Linus Schrage tackled the original message on the house (That was then... picture). They were unable to decode it completely, but after considerable work managed to put together this:

“ALL IVIJRATIOA EVERY THOUGHT EVERY ANIMATE AND INANIMATE OBJECT PULSATES A WAVE OF MEASURABLE ENERGY THROUG E I N T E AND S P N N C M E N S I H E T H I K D D I R C E ON THE SOU U L S OF THIS P T S R A U R N T M T THE SOURCE C R E A N A L R E THINGS THUS WE BEGIN BEYOND CREATION AND END BEYOND DEATH MAKING LIFE A GAME OF SEMANTICS FILTERED THROUGH CULTURE TO GIVE MEANING TO WORDS AND SYMBOLS.”

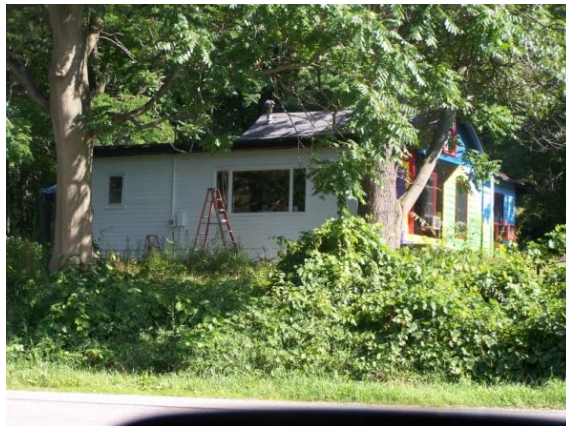
I'm not quite sure what the message was trying to say, but I loved that painting! When I drove out of DA this summer on one of my 22 daily trips to pick up my kids, I was shocked to see the north-side of the house in the process of being painted over with white paint. What kind of evil subversive plot was that? Horrors! I nearly stopped my car to ask the painters exactly what was going on. But my fears of conformist drab were quickly put to rest when a new Morse code message appeared (...the “this is now” photo ♪).

So I then did what any normal human would do. I took a picture of the new painting on the house and found this really cool Morse code translator on the Internet. The Internet is such an amazing creature—thank you Al Gore—that has never disappointed me. No matter how weird and zany the request, there always seems to be something posted somewhere on the Internet about it. I am old enough to remember typing holes in 80 column Hollerith punch cards to run my computer programs back in college and am grateful that

technology has marched on to better methods of data input and an unbelievably astonishing collection of information at your fingertips -- literally.

Anyway, I decoded the house and will leave it to others here in town to ponder the wisdom of the message since I am not one of those California Berkley coffee house types. Perhaps this quote is meant to refer to exactly those substances, which were consumed in such great number back in the 1960s-1970s California Berkley days or shed some insight into exactly what sort of plants grow in a Heineken

beer bottle garden. The quote is taken from *The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge* by Carlos Castanea. Punctuation is completely mine. Here's what the new message says:



“ALLY, THE INDISPENSABLE AID TO KNOWING. AN ALLY WILL MAKE YOU SEE AND UNDERSTAND THINGS ABOUT WHICH NO HUMAN CAN POSSIBLY ENLIGHTEN YOU. ERGO, A MAN GOES TO KNOWLEDGE AS HE GOES TO WAR: WIDE AWAKE, WITH FEAR, WITH RESPECT, AND WITH ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE.”

The website for the Morse code translator is

<http://morsecode.scphillips.com/jtranslator.html> for those interested in trying their hand.

For more on the quote: www.goodmedicine.org.uk/files/the%204%20enemies.doc.

Cheryl Evans

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS



The woodcarver's name that carved our lighthouse is Doug Ricks. His business is D & N Woodcarvings. "N" is his wife, Nancy, who also is a woodcarver but who did not do any carving of our lighthouse. His email address is ricks@galaxyinternet.net, and phone number is (574) 586-7175. His showroom is about 1-1/4 hour east and south of Dune Acres in Koontz Lake, Indiana.

Mike Swygert

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

At the last Aging in Place meeting, Harry Petrakis reminded us: "When men plan, the gods laugh. When old men plan, the gods roar." Harry is priceless.

Mary Ann Crayton

DATES FOR YOUR DA CALENDAR

Monthly Public Meetings (you're welcomed *and* encouraged to attend)

2 nd Mon	Plan Commission	Town Hall	7:30pm
3 rd Tue	Town Council	Town Hall	7:30pm
1 st Tue	Aging in Place	Town Hall	1:00pm

Oct 24	Sat	Fall Town Clean Up, Town Hall, 9am
Oct 31	Sat	Trick or Treating, 5pm - 8pm
Nov 1	Sun	Deadline for clearing boats from the DA beaches Environmental Committee Presentation, Clubhouse, 2pm
Nov 3	Tue	RTA Referendum Vote, Town Hall
Nov 17	Tue	Deadline for November issue

If you would like your event listed, just let me know. The Ed.

PARTING THOUGHT

When a new technology rolls over you, you either become part of the steamroller or part of the road.

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